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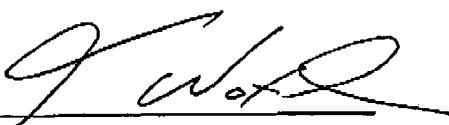
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AMENDMENTINTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003,
Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 13 and 16 without prejudice and amend Claim 12 as follows:

1- 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A coupler having a core, said core having a closed perimeter of a thickness, said coupler also including two primary windings and a secondary winding, the two primary windings crossing within the perimeter of said core, the